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Southern African Fauna and Flora <https://zsfaunaandflora.wordpress.com/>

Zone 38 Award and others <https://zone38award.wordpress.com/>

Worldwide List of HF Beacons <https://iaruhfbacons.wordpress.com/>

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Carina (the very pretty one) and I wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas. To my Jewish friends Happy Hanukkah. And also, happy holidays to those who are on holiday.

The 2020 SARL Blue Book and Diary of Events

The 2020 SARL Contest Manual or Blue Book and the 2020 Diary of Events are available for download from the Contest and Diary of Events link respectively on the left side of the League website. There are new contests added for 2020 and rules of certain contests have been changed. Contest sponsors are once again asked to check that the details of your specific contest are correct. There is also an A3 size Year-at-a-Glance calendar available.

DXCC News

The following operation has been reportedly approved by the ARRL for DXCC credit: VU7RI, Lakshadweep Islands (2019)

The SARL registered as a Club on Club Log

Due to the initiative of Nickus de Vos, ZS6J, the SARL has registered as a Club on Club Log which will allow our members to measure their standings against their peers.

Existing SARL Club Log members who wish to join are invited to log into Club Log, go to settings, then clubs and select SARL to request membership.

The administrative side of the "SARL club" on Club Log will be taken care of by Nickus, ZS6J who can be contacted at shack@zs6j.co.za.

A brief introduction to Club Log

Club Log is an online database with a suite of powerful tools supporting active DXers. Once you have registered on Club Log and uploaded your log, you will be able to generate personal reports, showing which DXCC countries you have worked and/or confirmed, when you first worked them,

December

16 - Day of Reconciliation; Prince Alfred Hamlet Appelkoosfees
22 - Summer Solstice
23 - Ursids meteor shower
23 to 30 - Hanukkah
25 - Christmas Day
26 - Family Day
31 - End of the 2019 CQ DX Marathon and the YOTA month

January 2020

1 - Download the 2020 Blue Book; New Year's Day; start of the CQ DX Marathon
3 and 4 - Quadrantids meteor shower
4 - ARRL Kids Day
4 and 5 - ARRL RTTY Roundup
15 - Provincial schools open; SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Sprint; Synopsis of papers for AMSAT SA symposium to be submitted
16 to 20 - Wolfkop Weekender, Citrusdal
17 to 19 - PEARS National VHF/UHF contest
21 - Highway ARC meeting
25 - CTARC meeting; Summer QRP Contest; Delheim Harvest Festival
25 and 26 - BARTG Sprint Contest
26 - Sani Pass Wild Flower Walk
31 - Closing date for AGM motions, Award nominations and Council nominations

which ones you still need, and which are the most likely to QSL (Club Log's reports are both comprehensive and flexible).

See how you stand relative to your peers in various league tables and challenges (again, the reports are very flexible - for example with a few clicks you can generate a specific league table listing how many DXCC countries or CQ zones have been worked by various African amateurs on 20 m CW in the past year almost as easily as a global league table covering all bands, all modes and all years since 1945. ... and much more.

We are convinced that Nickus' initiative will further spurn the competitive spirit of our members.

African DX

Contacts with stations on the African continent count towards the SARL's All Africa Award (www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp)



Morocco, CN. The special event station CN19JIM operates on 21 and 22 December around Journee Internationale de la Montagne or Day of the Mountain. QSL via RW6HS.

Zambia, 9J. Mario, IK1MYT is active from Lusaka as 9J2MYT until May 2020. Activity is on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via IZ3KVD and Club Log OQRS.

Ghana, 9G. Ruetgger, DL8MEZ is currently staying in the country on a business trip and remains active until 22 December. He is active as 9G5RV on 14 313 (SSB) and 14 074 kHz (FT8). QSL via LoTW.

Ghana, 9G. Matt, 9G5GS is active from Sanzule until 28 December. Operation from 160 to 15 metres using mostly FT8 and SSB. QSL via IZ4YGS direct and LoTW

Algeria, 7X. Members of the "Association des Radio Amateurs Tunisiens – ARAT" are traveling to Algeria to conduct a joint Low Bands DXpedition with five members of "Amateurs Radio Algeriens – ARA" from 28 December until 2 January during which will see the operators focusing on working as many stations as possible on 160 and 80 m as well as other HF bands. The team led by Afif, 7X2RO and Ash, 3V8SS/KF5EYY includes Ahmed, 3V1B/KG5OUE (22 years), Marwa, 3V8CB (24 years, YL), Mohamed, 7X3TL (27 years), Redha, 7X5QB and Abdelghani, 7X2TT/M0NPT. QSL via 7X2RO and LoTW.

Chad, TT. Nicolas, F8FQX is going to spend the next 3 to 4 years in N'Djamena and plans to operate as TT8SN on HF and 6 m. QSL via DL9USA and LoTW.



The Gambia, C5. Andre, ON7YK is active from Bijilo until March 2020 as C5YK. Operation from 60 to 10 meter using FT8 with some SSB and CW. QSL via home call, LoTW. <http://www.on7yk.eu/>

The Gambia, C5. Russell, G5XW will be operating as C5XW from 28 January until 7 February 2020. He will be active 'holiday-style' from 40 to 17 metres. QSL via home call.

Tanzania, 5H. Charles, NK8O will again be active from Zinga as 5H3DX during mid-February to mid-March 2020. He will be active from 40 to 10 metres using CW and maybe FT8. QSL via NK8O.

Djibouti, J2. A team consisting of DJ6TF, DK1BT, DL4WK, DL6SAK, DL7BO, DL7DF, DL7UFR and SP3DOI will be active between 4 and 16 March 2020. The call sign is pending. Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digimodes. <http://www.dl7df.com/j2/>

Zambia, 9J. The Z2LA and 7P8LB team are planning a next trip from 5 to 15 March 2020. Look for the team as 9J2LA. They will focus on CW and FT8 for the low bands and CW, SSB and FT8 for the higher bands. QSL via MOOXO. <http://9j2la.com/>

Ivory Coast, TU. TU2R will be active from 13 March until 3 April 2020 with an entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest. Operation with 3 stations from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digimodes. QSL via ON1DX direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS Club Log. <https://tu2r.wordpress.com/>



Chad 2020. Having received "the required security clearance", Silvano, I2YSB and the Italian DXpedition Team (www.i2ysb.com/idt/) have announced their plans to be active from Ndjamena, Chad as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and TT8XX (FT8) "around mid-2020". Details are expected in due course. Originally planned to take place in February-March 2019, the DXpedition had to be put on hold for security reasons.

African Islands

IOTA Frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Canary Islands, EA8. Erich, HB9FIH is operating as EA8/call from El Hierro until end March 2020. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call bureau and LoTW. <http://hb9fih.org/>



Tanzania, 5H. OK2WM, OM4AZF, OM5MF, OM5ZW and SP9LJD will be active as 5H4WZ from Pemba Island (AF-063), Tanzania between 6 and 18 February. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160 to 10 metres and will participate in the CQ WPX RTTY (8 and 9 February) and the ARRL DX CW (15 and 16 February) contests. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OM3PA.

Tanzania, 5H. The Italian DXpedition will be operating between 4 and 18 February 2020 from Zanzibar Island (AF-032 and 141 km as the seagull flies from Pemba.) They will be active as 5I5TT for CW, SSB and RTTY and as 5I4ZZ for FT12 with 5 stations. QSL via I2YSB. <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

Rodrigues Island, 3B9. David, F8AAN will be operating as 3B9/call or as 3B9AN between 9 and 18 March 2020. Operation from 160 to 15 meter using CW. QSL via home call, Club Log.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 16 to 23 December 2019

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
02:00 - 04:00 UTC 16 December
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Band; All Band
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, member no or power

Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 December 2019

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<http://qrptest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://qrptest.com/pigrun/>

NAQCC CW Sprint

01:30 - 03:30 UTC 18 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 1 watt

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC No or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1.5 x if bug, 1 x if other

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 21 December 2019

E-mail logs to: naqcc33@windstream.net and jcoreyc@gmail.com

Upload log at:

http://naqcc.info/sprint_submit_log.html

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://naqcc.info/sprint/sprint201912mw.html>

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 18 December

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 40 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 19 December 2019

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 18 December

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 20 December 2019

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rule_s.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 18

December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 19 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 21 December 2019

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 20 December

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 December 2019

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rtty.html

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 20 December

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 21 December 2019

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 20 December

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 December 2019

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

AGB-Party Contest

16:00 - 17:00 UTC 20 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: 80, 40 m

Classes: Single Op All Band – CW, SSB or mixed; Single Op Single Band; Single Op Digital; Single Op QRP; Multi-Op; SWL

Exchange: AGB Member: RST, QSO no and member no; non-Member: RST and QSO no

Work stations: Once per mode per 15-minute period (see rules)

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; 5 points per QSO with AGB member
Multipliers: Each AGB member once; Each DXCC/WAE country once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 17 January 2020

E-mail logs to: eu1eu@mail.ru

Mail logs to: Igor "Harry" Getmann, EU1EU, PO Box 143, Minsk 220005, Belarus

Find rules at:

www.ev5agb.com/contest/agb_party.htm

Russian 160-Meter Contest

20:00 - 24:00 UTC 20 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160 m Only

Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op

Exchange: Rus: RS(T) and Oblast code; non-Rus: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each DXCC entity once; Each Oblast once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 December 2019

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:
<http://ua9qcq.com/contests/robot.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:
www.qrz.ru/contest/detail/90.html

Feld Hell Sprint

00:00 - 23:59 UTC 21 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: Feld Hell

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 25 December 2019

Upload log at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprints/Happy-Birthday-Rudolph-Sprint>

OK DX RTTY Contest

00:00 - 24:00 UTC 21 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op; SWL

Max operating hours: 24 hours

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: RST and CQ Zone

QSO Points: 10 - 20 m: 1 point same continent, 2 points different continent; 40 - 80 m: 3 points same continent, 6 points different continent

Multipliers: DXCC Countries, once per band; OK stations, once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x (DXCC mults and OK mults)

Submit logs by: 28 December 2019

Upload log at:
<http://okrtty.crk.cz/index.php?page=send-log>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:
<http://okrtty.crk.cz/index.php?page=english>

Padang DX Contest

12:00 UTC 21 December to 11:59 UTC, Dec 22

Geographic Focus: Indonesia

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - low or high; Multi-Op

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts

Exchange: RS and serial no

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with same

country; 4 points per QSO with same

continent; 6 points per QSO with different

continent; 20 points per QSO with YB5C

Multipliers: Each YB prefix once per band; Each country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 12:00 UTC 29 December 2019

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <https://padangdx.com/log-submission/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:
<https://padangdx.com/2015/11/02/padang-dx-contest-dx-station-rules/>

Croatian CW Contest

14:00 UTC 21 December to 14:00 UTC, Dec 22

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high;

Single Op Single Band - low or high; Multi-Single

Max operating hours: 24 hours

Max power: HP: 100 or more watts; LP: <100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: Own continent: 2 points 40 - 160

m, 1 point 10 - 20 m; Other continents: 6

points 40 - 160 m, 3 points 10 - 20 m; 9A

stations: 10 points 40 - 160 m, 6 points 10 - 20 m

Multipliers: DXCC/WAE Countries, once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 30 December 2019
Upload log at: www.hamradio.hr/hfrobot
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://9acw.org/index.php/rules/english/129-rules-2018>

ARRL Rookie CW Roundup
18:00 - 23:59 UTC 22 December
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op Rookie; Multi-Op Rookie;
Non-Rookies
Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name, 2-digit year first licensed and state, province, XE area or DX
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-rookie; 2 points per QSO with rookie
Multipliers: Each US state and DC once; Each VE province once; ; Each XE call area once; One DX once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 25 December 2019
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
<http://contests.arrl.org/arrlrrscoresubmission.php>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup

Next Week's Contests

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 25 December
Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 25 December
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 25 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 26 December
DARC Christmas Contest, 08:30 - 10:59 UTC 26 December
NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 27 December
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 27 December
RAC Winter Contest, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 28 December
Gedebage CW Contest, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 28 December
Stew Perry Topband Challenge, 15:00 UTC 28 December to 15:00 UTC 29 December
Original QRP Contest, 15:00 UTC 28 December to 15:00 UTC 29 December
RAEM Contest, 00:00 - 11:59 UTC 29 December
QCX Challenge, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 30 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 31 December
Bogor Old and New Contest, 09:00 - 23:59 UTC 31 December

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